The Deity of God Dwells in You

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the fundamental Biblical truth that the entire Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—dwells within the believer through faith. Shifting away from external religiosity and legalism, it seeks to rediscover the power of direct access to God. The document analyzes how this indwelling presence guides the believer's conscience, sanctifies sensory experiences, and eliminates the need for earthly intermediaries. Through the lens of Zechariah's prophecies and the cosmic sovereignty of Christ, the reader is led toward a life of freedom, where prayer is an intimate conversation and every action is performed in the awareness of God's loving presence.

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1. The Deity of God Dwells in You: A Fountain of Truth

The truth that God dwells within you is the foundation of your direct relationship with Him and your certainty in life:

1.1. The Inseparable Unity: God Dwells in You

Scripture teaches that the believer's connection with Christ is so intimate that Christ's life and essence become part of the believer.

- **Jesus' Presence in the Believer:** Jesus told His disciples: *"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you"* (John 14:20, KJV).
- **The Fullness of God:** It goes even further—the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily in Christ, and as believers, we are made complete in Him: *"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him"* (Colossians 2:9-10, KJV). Through Christ, the Godhead is truly present in and around your life.

1.2. God's Omnipresent Observation

Because God dwells within you, you live under His direct, constant, and loving attention. He hears, sees, and knows your thoughts, words, and deeds:

- **He Sees What You See:** There is no place where we can flee from His Spirit, and nothing can be hidden from Him. *"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ... Even there shall thy hand lead me"* (Psalm 139:7, 10, KJV).
- **He Hears What You Say:** Not only our words but even our thoughts are known to Him: *"O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off"* (Psalm 139:1-2, KJV).

1.3. The Power of Direct Prayer

Because this Godhead is within you, the path to Him is always open. This is the purpose of the New Covenant—that you have direct access to the Father.

- **Pray for Your Own Problems:** Do not always run to others to pray for you. The Bible encourages us to go immediately and directly to God with our troubles: *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God"* (Philippians 4:6, KJV).
- **The Power of Praying Together:** This does not mean you should never ask for help. Community is important! The call to pray with a fellow believer is a powerful Biblical command: *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed"* (James 5:16, KJV).

The knowledge that Jesus and the Godhead dwell within you is an assurance that you have a direct, living line to the Almighty. He hears you! And in that certainty: I pray with you.

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2. Unconditional Prayer (Private)

It is a wonderful question regarding the difference between private prayer and public ministry! The Biblical answer is: No, you do not have to wait for people to ask before you pray for them. You have the absolute freedom, and even the calling, to pray for anyone, whether they asked you or not.

- **The Biblical Command:** The Bible encourages wide-ranging, unlimited prayer. We are commanded to pray for all people: *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men"* (1 Timothy 2:1, KJV).
- **Prayer is an Act of Love:** Prayer is an expression of love and care. Just as a mother does not wait for her children to ask before she prays for them, you pray for others because you love them and desire God's grace for them. It is a secret, spiritual act that glorifies God and touches people's lives without them even knowing it.

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3. Prayer as a Ministry (Public or Corporate Prayer)

The situation is different when it comes to praying aloud *with* or *for* someone, or if you offer to address their specific problem.

- **The Benefit of Asking:** It is always wise to ask people if they need prayer or help, or to ask if you may pray for them, because:
    - **It Builds Faith:** Asking someone gives them the opportunity to openly acknowledge their problem and their faith. It strengthens their trust in God's community.
    - **It Shows Respect:** It respects their personal boundaries and allows them to decide whether they wish to share their problems with you and whether they accept your ministry.

Summary: Praying Immediately and the Invitation to Pray Together

- **Private Prayer:** The moment a person comes to your mind, pray immediately in your heart without waiting for a request. This is your high calling as a believer.
- **Corporate Prayer:** If you wish to minister to someone directly or demonstrate your faith to them, ask: *"May I pray for you?"* This is a polite and inviting way to turn your private intercession into a public, shared ministry.

The Difference Between Running and Standing Still

- **The World's Turmoil (Running):** A person who is "running" is consumed by the efforts, fears, anxieties, or ambitions of this world. In this state, prayer can feel exhausting because one is trying to pray against the current of their own restlessness.
- **The Stillness of Faith (Standing Still):** God commands us to cease our own striving to enter into His working: *"Be still, and know that I am God"* (Psalm 46:10, KJV). Asking someone to "calm down, take a deep breath, and stop running" is essentially the human condition required for true prayer.

This is why your approach is so Biblical: private prayer (where you are still and focused) and the invitation to pray together (which invites the other person to step out of their "running" state). When people stop running and focus on the Lord, they can truly receive the prayer.

The Intimacy of God's Indwelling

If God, through Christ and the Holy Spirit, is within you, there is no separation between you and Him. This means He knows every aspect of your existence:

1. **He Knows Your Senses:** He knows exactly what your eyes see, what your ears hear, what your mind thinks, and the desires that motivate your heart. After all, He created you!
2. **Nothing Can Be Hidden:** Your inner life is an open book to Him. As the Psalmist beautifully expressed: *"O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off"* (Psalm 139:1-2, KJV).

This truth is both awe-inspiring and comforting:

- **Awe-inspiring:** It serves as a constant reminder of the holiness and righteousness of the God we worship. It eliminates the possibility of hypocrisy or concealment.
- **Comforting:** It means you are never alone or misunderstood. The One who knows you best loves you most and is within you to lead and strengthen you.

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4. The Biblical Command to Bless

The New Testament makes it very clear that we are expected to bless not only our friends but especially our enemies and those who wrong us. If we are to pray for our enemies, how much more should we bless those who are simply far from God?

- **Bless, and Curse Not:** Paul writes: *"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not"* (Romans 12:14, KJV). If God commands us to bless our persecutors, it is the absolute minimum to bless those who simply ignore or reject His existence.
- **Love for Enemies:** Jesus' command is the gold standard: *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you"* (Matthew 5:44, KJV). The word "bless" (*eulogeō*) here is directly applicable.

The Meaning of the Blessing

When a believer says, "The Lord bless you," it is not a theological confirmation that the person is already saved. Rather, it is a prayerful declaration or a petition that God would:

1. Graciously intervene in their lives.
2. Open their eyes to His truth.
3. Lead them to repentance (the greatest blessing of all).

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5. The Example of God's Grace (Common Grace)

The act of blessing reflects God's character of **Common Grace**, which He offers to all people, whether they love Him or not:

- **Sunshine and Rain:** Jesus said that God *"maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust"* (Matthew 5:45, KJV).
- **God's Patience:** God does not reject anyone immediately. He is *"not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9, KJV).

To say to an unbeliever, "The Lord bless you," is to say: *"I wish and pray that God will allow you to experience His grace, and that His goodness will lead you to repentance."* It extends the love and patience of God to them, exactly as He desires.

Conclusion: The believer is called to be a channel of God's love and blessing to a perishing world. To bless an unbeliever is not a lie; it is an act of love and an intercession for their soul.

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6. The Effectiveness of Blessing

A vital question: Is it Biblical for an unbeliever (one who rejects God) to pronounce a blessing over you?

The short and theologically correct answer is: **No**, an unbeliever does not possess the spiritual authority to pronounce a Biblical, Divine blessing over you as a believer. Here is the Biblical explanation:

6.1. Blessing Requires Authority and Covenant (The Source)

- **The Divine Source:** A true Biblical blessing (*berakah* in Hebrew; *eulogia* in Greek) is a declaration of God's favor and power that can only originate from a source of spiritual authority.
- **Blessing is Vertical:** Scripture shows that blessing always flows from the greater to the lesser. *"And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better"* (Hebrews 7:7, KJV).

- **The Priestly Blessing:** In the Old Testament, only the priests who stood within the covenant could pronounce the Aaronic blessing: *"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee..."* (Numbers 6:24-26, KJV).
- **Conclusion:** A person who rejects God or stands outside the New Covenant in Christ does not have the authority or the spiritual channel to effectively pronounce God's blessing over a believer.

6.2. The Role of the Believer in Christ (Your Protection)

As a believer, you have already received all spiritual blessings in Christ, which protects you from misplaced declarations:

- **You are Already Blessed:** Paul declares that God *"hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"* (Ephesians 1:3, KJV). You already possess the full blessing of the Trinity.
- **No Blessing Can Be Revoked:** The uncertainty of an unbeliever's words cannot alter or diminish your secure position and blessing in Christ.

How to Respond When an Unbeliever Blesses You

When an unbeliever says "God bless you" to you, you should view it as:

1. **A Good Wish:** It is a cultural expression of goodwill, love, or friendship. It is a **horizontal** (man-to-man) wish, not a **vertical** (God-to-man) declaration.
2. **An Opportunity for Love:** Accept it graciously and use it as an opportunity to pray back for them (in your heart) that they might discover the true blessing found only in Christ.

Summary: You should not expect the blessing of an unbeliever to have any spiritual effect on your life, as it lacks Biblical authority. Your blessing comes directly from God through Christ. You are free to accept their well-wishes with gratitude, but your true blessing is already secured.

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7. The Multiple Fulfillments of Zechariah's Prophecies

The book of Zechariah can essentially be divided into three time periods, incorporating the concept of "unstated times" within God's overarching plan:

7.1. The Immediate Fulfillment (Zechariah's Time)

A large portion of the book (chapters 1–8) applied directly to the people who had recently returned from the Babylonian captivity.

- **The Purpose:** To encourage and spur the people to rebuild the Temple.

- **Example:** The visions of the lampstands and the olive trees related directly to the leaders, Zerubbabel and Joshua, who were tasked with completing the Temple (Zechariah 4).
- **Time:** Approximately 520 B.C.

7.2. The Fulfillment in Jesus' First Coming

Several of Zechariah's most famous prophecies were directly and literally fulfilled when Jesus first came as the Messiah.

- **The Suffering Messiah:** Zechariah prophesies that the Messiah would ride on a young donkey when entering Jerusalem (*Zechariah 9:9*) – directly fulfilled in *Matthew 21:5*.
- **The Price of Betrayal:** He prophesies that the Messiah would be sold for thirty pieces of silver, and that the money would be cast to the potter (*Zechariah 11:12-13*) – directly fulfilled through Judas (*Matthew 27:3-10*).
- **The Piercing:** The prophecy: *"And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced"* (*Zechariah 12:10*) – directly fulfilled at the crucifixion (*John 19:37*).

7.3. The Final Fulfillment (The End Times)

These are the prophecies regarding the Second Coming (chapters 12 and 14) which have not yet been fully realized.

- **The War:** The gathering of all nations against Jerusalem (*Zechariah 14:2*).
- **The Second Coming:** The Lord's feet standing upon the Mount of Olives, causing it to cleave in two (*Zechariah 14:4*).
- **The Kingship:** The Lord shall be King over all the earth (*Zechariah 14:9*).

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8. Are There "Other Times" Not Mentioned?

This concept refers to the **"Prophetic Gap"** or "Time Gap." When a prophet like Zechariah speaks, he sometimes sees two distinct events—the First Coming and the Second Coming—as if they are one, because they both lie far in the future.

- **The Mountain Effect:** Imagine looking at a mountain range. Two peaks may appear to touch, but in reality, there is a deep valley (the entire Church Age) between them that the prophet could not clearly distinguish.
- **The Time In-Between:** The "unstated time" included in the prophecy is the 2,000+ years since Jesus' first coming. This period of the Church and Grace is a "hidden" reality that was not the primary focus of the Old Testament prophets.

Conclusion

All the references we have used regarding the Mount of Olives and the Judgment (*Zechariah 14*) are overwhelmingly applicable to the **End Times**. However, there are "other times"

covered by his prophecies—specifically the rebuilding of the Temple and the life of Jesus—which serve to confirm that Zechariah's Word from God is highly reliable for the prophecies that are yet to come.

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9. Images: What We Have Shaped and Reformulated

The Old Image (Childhood view or Misconception)	The New Biblical Truth	Biblical Basis
Physical Warfare: Jesus needs millions of angels and humans to wage physical war.	**The Cosmic Word:** Jesus ends the war with the sword of His Word proceeding from His mouth. He requires no earthly assistance.	**Revelation 19:15**
The Shuttle Service: The Rapture is a round-trip journey (up for 7 years, then back down).	**The Royal Arrival:** Meeting Him in the air is the welcome for a King who arrives to immediately establish His Kingdom on Earth.	**1 Thess. 4:17** *(apantēsis)*
The Spiritual Coming: Jesus returns only as a Spirit.	**The Glorified Body:** Jesus returns physically in His glorified Body—physical, yet not limited by matter.	**Luke 24:39; Acts 1:11**
The Hiding Place: I can hide my deeds, words, and thoughts from God.	**The Indwelling Godhead:** God lives in you. He knows your senses, thoughts, and desires. There is no hiding.	**John 14:20; Psalm 139**
Blind Acceptance: Accepting everything that begins with "The Lord says..."	**Testing All Things:** The believer must test all prophecies and teachings against the infallible standard of Scripture.	**1 Thess. 5:21**

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10. The Divine Presence: The Trinity and Dwelling in the Believer

10.1. God the Father: Spirit Without Limitation

Your theological assessment is accurate. God the Father is an incorporeal, omnipresent Spirit and is therefore not limited to any physical form or location.

- **Biblical Confirmation:** *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"* (John 4:24, KJV).
- **Implication:** His essence is not a "spirit body"; He is pure Spirit filling the universe (Psalm 139:7-10). The universe is His temple, and He is the Creator of all (Acts 17:24).

10.2. Jesus Christ: Deity and the Glorified Body

Jesus is unique. He is fully God (unlimited) and fully Man (His body).

- **The Deity (Unlimited):** As the Son of God, Jesus is eternal and omnipresent in His Godhead, just as the Father is.

- **The Body (Glorified):** After His resurrection, He possessed a glorified body—no longer merely an earthly body, but one that passed through death unto victory. This body is tangible (*Luke 24:39*), yet free from earthly limitations—He can appear and disappear.
- **How He Dwells in God:** Jesus explains the inseparable connection with the Father: *"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you"* (John 14:20, KJV). They are one in essence (*John 10:30*).

10.3. The Holy Spirit: The Agent of Indwelling

The Holy Spirit is the mechanism through which the Triune God dwells within the believer.

- **The Spirit's Essence:** The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead—He is also Spirit and unlimited. He is the power that convicts the world and leads the Church.
- **The Spirit as the Dwelling:** It is through the Spirit that the Father and the Son make their home in you. The Holy Spirit is the "Godhead within":

  "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23, KJV).

  This "We" is realized through the Holy Spirit sent as the "Comforter."

- **The Spirit as a Seal:** The Holy Spirit is the seal and guarantee that you belong to God and that Christ is in you: *"...that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith"* (Ephesians 3:17, KJV). The Spirit is the medium through which this indwelling connection occurs.

11.1. Wherever You Go, He Goes With You

The Holy Spirit, through whom Christ dwells in you, is not limited to a church building or your quiet time. He is always present and never leaves you behind, even in places where He is unheard of.

- **The Spirit's Omnipresence:** The Psalmist asks: *"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?"* The answer is clear: nowhere. He is present even if you choose the darkness. (*Psalm 139:7-10*).
- **The Temple of the Spirit:** As a believer, your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. This means the Spirit's presence is constant and intimate in every environment. *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"* (*1 Corinthians 6:19*).

11.2. Senses, Presence, and Sin

The fact that God perceives every facet of your sensory experience is a direct result of His indwelling presence. There is nothing your eyes see, your ears hear, or your hands do (such as "gapping" or taking things that do not belong to you) that is hidden from Him.

- **God Knows Your Thoughts:** It begins with your inner life and your sensory exposure. *"Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off."* (*Psalm 139:2*). If He knows your thoughts, He certainly knows the images your eyes take in or the words your ears hear.
- **The Love of Money (Gapping/Stealing):** The Bible specifically warns that greed and the desire for what does not belong to you is the root of all evil. This is a direct violation of God's presence in your life. *"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."* (*1 Timothy 6:10*).

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13. The Warning: The Holy Spirit and Conscience

The Holy Spirit uses your conscience as a warning system to prevent you from sinning. This is the mechanism through which God warns you in time when your senses open a path to sin.

- **The Conscience as a Compass:** The Holy Spirit and the conscience work together to establish God's moral law in your heart. The Spirit convicts the world (and the believer) of sin and righteousness. *"And when he [the Comforter] is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment..."* (*John 16:8*).
- **Hardening of the Conscience:** If we ignore the Spirit's warnings (the "red light"), our conscience can become seared or hardened. Paul warns against those: *"...speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron..."* (*1 Timothy 4:2*). The Spirit will warn; we must listen.

The Message:

Because God dwells in you, you are never alone. The Holy Spirit is always present to lead you—but the choice to respond to the quiet warning before your senses lead you into temptation remains yours.

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14. Final Thought: Direct Access to the Godhead

14.1. He Knows Your Need Before You Ask

Because God is the Godhead who works through your senses and your conscience (*Psalm 139*), you do not need to provide Him with information. You do not pray to persuade Him; you pray to align your heart with His omniscient will.

- **Biblical Confirmation:** Jesus taught His followers: *"...for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him"* (**Matthew 6:8, KJV**).

- **Theological Certainty:** The Godhead dwelling within you is omniscient and has already searched and known you.

14.2. Prayer as a Direct Response

When you pray, you are responding to Jesus' loving question: *"What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?"* (**Mark 10:51, KJV**).

- **The Context:** Jesus asked this of the blind Bartimaeus—not because He was unaware of the need, but because He was inviting Bartimaeus to declare his faith and dependence.
- **Implication:** Your prayer is an act of faith and reverence, through which you bring your desires with thanksgiving before the Godhead who dwells within you. It is a direct conversation.

14.3. The Power of Direct Access

The purpose of the Trinity's indwelling is to remove the wall of separation. You speak directly to the Godhead without the need for an earthly intermediary.

- **Biblical Confirmation:** We have the boldness to *"come boldly unto the throne of grace"* (**Hebrews 4:16, KJV**).
- **Immediate Access:** You do not even have to wait for others to pray for you (though praying for one another remains a Biblical command—*James 5:16*), because you have immediate, unceasing access to the Father through the Son and the Spirit.

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15. Introduction to the Greatness of God: Transcendence and Indwelling

As humans, we tend to measure God by our smallest room because the Bible says the Godhead dwells within us. But it is precisely here that we must grasp His greatness: He is so infinitely vast that He can fill the Universe while simultaneously making His home in your heart.

15.1. Jesus' Positioning: The Cosmic Height

To comprehend the true scale of Jesus, we must start where He is now—the highest place of authority in the Cosmos. You correctly referenced Ephesians 1:20-22. This describes not just a location, but a position of absolute, universal dominion:

"...which he [God the Father] wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet..." (**Ephesians 1:20-22, KJV**).

- **The Introductory Theme:** Jesus is currently the Cosmic King, seated on the throne above everything that exists. He is not merely a spirit; He is the glorified God-Man whose reign encompasses the entire creation. Our God is so great that His supreme position does not hinder His intimacy with us.

15.2. The Mystery of the Unfinished Presence

This powerful position brings forward your thought about omnipresence. Although Jesus is seated on the throne, He is not absent:

- **God Moves Among Us:** You have the right intuition: In His greatness, the Godhead is in motion among us, often without our awareness. Jesus promised: *"...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world"* (**Matthew 28:20, KJV**).
- **The Scale of the Trinity:** The Trinity is so immense that His omnipresent working in our daily lives goes unseen, yet His authority is the power that holds everything in the universe together (*Colossians 1:17*). We cannot confine Him; we can only acknowledge Him.

15.3. The Silent Gaze and the Conscience (The Connection)

The realization that the Cosmic King never leaves you leads to your vital insight regarding conscience and correction. This is the bridge between His Divine greatness and your personal life:

- **The Loving Gaze:** Just as Jesus gave that silent, loving look to Peter after Peter denied Him (*Luke 22:61*), we realize that He looks at us when we falter. That gaze is not in the flesh, but through the indwelling Spirit.
- **The Immediate Conviction:** The result is exactly what you experience: my own conscience immediately convicts me. This is not the accusation of a distant Judge; it is the Holy Spirit communicating with your conscience in that very moment (*John 16:8*), a direct result of the Godhead's indwelling within you.